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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8 and 9 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have therefore amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter of Claim 8. In order to further clarify Claim 1, the recitations of Claim 10 have also been included in Claim 1. A typographical error in Claim 1 has been corrected. It is therefore clear that Claim 1 as amended is now allowable.

Claims 8 and 10 have therefore been canceled. Since Claims 2 and 4-7 were previously canceled, Claims 3 and 9 are the only remaining subclaims. Since Claims 3 and 9 are dependent from Claim 1, the Applicants submit that the subclaims are patentable as their parent Claim 1.

Since this amendment incorporates the allowable subject matter of Claim 8 into its parent Claim 1, it is clear that Claim 1 is now allowable. Since the remaining Claims are dependent from Claim 1, all claims are now allowable. The Applicants look forward to a Notice of Allowance.

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